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Title:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:
 - [X] Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on <u>April 14</u>, 2004, a courtesy copy of which is provided for the Examiner's convenience.
 - [X] Please consider the Information Disclosure Statement previously filed on <u>April 14, 2004</u>, a courtesy copy of which is provided for the Examiner's convenience.

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| | C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on |
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| [] | Amendment/Reply. |
| [] | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s). |
| [X] | Information Disclosure Statement. |
| [] | Form PTO-1449 with copies of listed reference(s). |
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Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

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[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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[] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

- [X] A check in the amount of \$1300.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated July 14, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 14, 2003. Applicants enclose with this amendment a four-month Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: